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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Regensberg DATE TYPED: 02/24/03 HB 519

SHORT TITLE: Cimarron Senior Citizen Center SB _____

ANALYST: Padilla

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$50.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 772

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Department of Finance and Administration
 Agency on Aging

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 519 appropriates \$50.0 from the general fund to DFA's Local Government Division in order to pay the rent and utility charges of the Senior Citizen Center in Cimarron until a new center is built.

Significant Issues

While DFA's Local Government Division sometimes pays for *construction* of a building, it does not normally pay operating costs of a building. DFA believes this appropriation would be better directed to the Agency on Aging.

The Agency on Aging supports the Village of Cimarron's efforts to obtain assistance while the new Senior Citizens' Center is being constructed. The agency explains that the former senior

center was experiencing serious roof damage, causing structural and safety concerns. The Village of Cimarron requested and received a loan of \$19.4 from the Board of Finance in order to rent space for the current fiscal year. The appropriation of \$50.0 in this bill is needed for FY04. AOA states that it does not have contingency funding for this type of emergency.

Efforts are underway to construct a new senior center using general obligation bond funds. Construction should start by mid-summer 2003, with completion scheduled for early 2004.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 04 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

AOA points out that the senior program in Cimarron is one of many throughout the state serving meals, providing transportation and other services, which constitute AOA's statewide performance measures. The Cimarron program provides services to over 137 registered clients. AOA believes it is important to provide these services in a safe location.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Should this bill be amended so the appropriation is directed to the Agency on Aging?

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